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Mr. Russell Jim
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Dear Mr. *Russell* Jim:



REQUEST TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE SITE MANAGEMENT BOARD REGARDING THE COLUMBIA RIVER COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRCIA)

In response to your letter of February 5, 1997, the requested briefing to the Site Management Board on the CRCIA has been scheduled for March 17, 1997, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 780 of the Federal Building. In attendance for the briefing will be the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), Deputy Manager, Lloyd Piper, the RL Assistant Managers, RL Direct Reports, and me. Bob Stewart, RL Project Manager of the CRCIA, has been in contact with Tom Woods, the CRCIA representative for the Yakama Indian Nation (YIN), regarding details for the briefing.

My office is aware that a great deal of effort has been expended by the CRCIA Team members, including representatives from the YIN and other Stakeholder/Tribal groups, and looks forward to the briefing. Please communicate the acceptability of the cited time and date to Mr. Stewart and identify the YIN attendees so that we can ensure appropriate accommodations.

Please contact me or Mr. Stewart, on (509) 376-6192, if you have any questions about this letter or our arrangements for the CRCIA briefing.

Sincerely,

John D. Wagoner
Manager

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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MAKE A CRCIA INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION TO THE SITE
MANAGEMENT BOARD

Dear Mr. Wagoner,

As both you and Mr. Piper are generally aware, a great deal of stakeholder hard work over the past year has recently crystallized into a very good description of what needs to be done to assess Hanford's present and long term impact on the Columbia River — one of our highest priority concerns. The Yakama Nation ER/WM Program requests an opportunity to provide the SMB, and especially you, Mr. Wagoner, a familiarization briefing on the Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment (CRCIA) during the week of February 17, 1997. The presentation would be made by our staff representative and the rest of the CRCIA Management Team.

We feel it is essential that the DOE senior staff have a valid understanding of the CRCIA as we enter this critical period of budget and priority decisions. The proposed assessment is to be considered for funding for this budget cycle. As briefed to your key DOE people from each of the Projects on Jan 29, a lot of emphasis has been placed on making the CRCIA analysis reasonable and valuable to all the projects on the Site and to the decisions we all face in the future.

It is important to the Yakama Nation that your degree of support, and that of the SMB, be based upon the best information. Given that neither the DOE staff nor any of its contractors developed the requirements for the CRCIA, we feel you should listen to those who did this work - the Stakeholder Team. It will require not more than an hour (with discussion) nor less than 30 minutes of your time.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We are confident your decision to listen will be reached with openness and fairness.

Sincerely,

Russell Jim, Manager
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